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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND GENEROSITY
IN OFFERING TO HOST A CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN
NEW DELHI AROUND EARLY NOVEMBER. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN
INTERESTED IN HOLDING SUCH A MEETING FOR SOME TIME AND
NOTHING WOULD PLEASE ME MORE THAN TO RETURN TO INDIA FOR
THAT SPECIFIC PURPOSE. GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES WHICH
INEVITABLY FACE US IN NEA, I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PIN DOWN
ANY DEFINITE TIME FOR SUCH A MEETING IN THE MONTHS IMME-
DIATELY AHEAD. I SHALL INFORM YOU PROMPTLY SHOULD ANY
SPECIFIC DATES RECOMMEND THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THEY WOULD ALSO BE CONVENIENT TO YOU. IN ANY EVENT,
I CONCUR WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH YOUR JUDGMENT THAT NEA HAS
TOO MANY DISPARATE ELEMENTS IN IT TO HOLD A PRODUCTIVE
BUREAU-WIDE CONFERENCE AND THAT A MEETING IN NEW DELHI
WOULD BE MORE USEFUL AND FOCUSED IF IT WERE LIMITED TO
THE CHIEFS OF MISSION OF THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH ASIA PLUS
IRAN. WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS. ROBINSON

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